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1. WEEKEND AND OTHER EMERGENCY TRAFFIC. CERTAIN CABLES ON MACOVESCU VISIT WE COULD HAVE USED HERE LAST WEEKEND WERE DELAYED BY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS IN LONDON, AND DELAY REMINDED US OF HOW VULNERABLE WE ARE, WHEN IT COMES TO IMPORTANT TRAFFIC OF THIS KIND, TO IGNORANCE IN WASHINGTON OF SOME OF OUR OPERATING PROCEDURES. WITH EMBASSY CLOSED FROM 1:30 FRIDAY BUCHAREST TIME, IT REQUIRES NIACT/IMMEDIATE SLUG TO ENSURE THAT CABLES NEEDED FRIDAY-MONDAY WILL GET TO THOSE WHO MUST HAVE THEM HERE, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD DRAW THIS INFORMALLY TO THE ATTENTION OF ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL ORIGINATING OFFICES, INCLUDING WHITE HOUSE.

2. GERMAN MINORITY (STATE 277200). WE ARE POUCHING BADESCU'S MOST RECENT APPROVALS LIST (BUCHAREST 8665), AND YOU WILL NOTE ON RECEIPT THAT MANY INVOLVED ARE IN FACT ETHNIC GERMANS. IN WONDERING ALOUD WITH LUCIAN MANGIAFICO WHY GOR DOES NOT RECEIVE MORE CONGRESSIONAL CREDIT FOR GERMANS, SINCE CONGRESSMEN ASK ABOUT THEM (SAME CABLE), PASSPORT DIRECTOR GENERAL POPESCU SAID EMIGRATION TO FRG HAS RISEN 300 RPT 300 PERCENT SINCE 1975, FROM ABOUT 3,000 THAT YEAR TO ALMOST 10,000 IN 1977. BONN 19095 REPORTS 8,221 ROMANIAN ETHNIC GERMANS ARRIVING IN FRG  
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THROUGH END OF OCTOBER, AND FRG EMBASSY TELLS US THEY EXPECT 1977 FIGURE TO TOP 10,000. TIPTON AND I SPENT AN HOUR YESTERDAY WITH FRG DCM LOHSE, WHO TOOK A TWO-WEEK TRIP LAST MONTH THROUGH SAXON COMMUNITY. AFTER SCHMIDT'S VISIT, NOW SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 6-8, HE INTENDS TO GIVE SIMILAR ATTENTION TO SWABIANS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL BE UPDATING SOME OF THE FIGURES CONTAINED IN JIM CONNELL'S EXCELLENT A-13, DATED

FEBRUARY 3, 1977, WITH FRG CONSUL HERE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER TO HOLD OFF A TOTAL UPDATE ON THE WHOLE TOPIC OF THE GERMAN MINORITY UNTIL WE CAN PAY SOME CALLS ON OFFICIAL GERMANS AND, ESPECIALLY, DEBRIEF LOHSE ON HIS SWABIAN TRIP, SINCE SWABIANS APPEAR TO BE CUTTING EDGE OF CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN. THIS, HOWEVER, IS ON ASSUMPTION THAT A-13--WHOSE CONCLUSIONS STILL SEEM VALID--IS ADEQUATE BACKGROUND FOR YOU BETWEEN NOW AND THEN; IF FALSE, WE ARE OF COURSE READY TO REPORT WHAT WE HAVE. ON FRG ATTITUDE, LOHSE CLAIMED THAT THERE IS NO LINK BETWEEN UPSURGE IN EMIGRATION THIS YEAR AND SCHMIDT VISIT, WHICH HAS BEEN ON DRAWING BOARD A LONG TIME, AND THAT EMBASSY DOES NOT DISCUSS GENERAL ISSUE OF GERMAN MINORITY WITH GOR (ALTHOUGH IT INTERVENES ACTIVELY ON INDIVIDUAL CASES), SINCE THIS IS MATTER FOR HIGHEST STATE LEVEL IF IT IS TOUCHED ON AT ALL. AS HE DESCRIBED IT, FRG APPROACH HAS MANY INBUILT AMBIGUITIES, AND HE IS SEEKING A BETTER HANDLE ON QUESTION (FAMILIAR TO US IN JEWISH CASE) OF HOW MANY GERMANS WOULD LEAVE IF THEY COULD EASILY, SO FAR WITHOUT CONCLUSION. HE COULD NOT EXPLAIN FRG BELGRADE DEL REFERENCE TO MINORITY (BELGRADE 7925) EXCEPT IN TERMS OF SUCH AMBIGUITIES.

### 3. NITA AND OTHER DISSIDENTS.

--AS ANNOUNCED, GOR HAS BEGUN ACTUAL ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO MEMBERS OF CANAL AND BRAILA GROUPS. OF CANAL GROUP, PAUNESCU, NEAMTU, WINDISCH AND NEGRESU AND WIFE HAVE DEPARTED ROMANIA, AND URDARIANU, IONESCU AND MUNTEANU OF BRAILA GROUP HAVE RE-

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CEIVED PASSPORTS. ALL PASSPORTS ISSUED SO FAR HAVE BEEN TOURIST PASSPORTS WITH VISAS FOR VARIOUS COUNTRIES VALID FOR 180 DAYS. WE ARE GIVING C-1 OR "VIENNA LETTER" DOCUMENTATION THOSE WHO NEED IT TO LEAVE COUNTRY. TWO REMAINING MEMBERS OF CANAL GROUP, MARINESCU AND CONSTANTINESCU, EXPECT TO RECEIVE PASSPORTS NEXT WEEK.

--NITA'S SITUATION (BUCHAREST 8465, 8259) REMAINS UNCLEAR, THOUGH HE APPEARS TO BE WORKING TOWARD PASSPORT TOO. LIKE OTHER CANAL GROUP MEMBERS, HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PASSPORT DIRECTORATE SEVERAL TIMES WEEKLY AT OFFICIAL REQUEST, AND ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE HIS CHILD SUPPORT PROBLEMS SEEMS UNDERWAY. ACCORDING TO HIM (DURING LAST VISIT TO EMBASSY NOVEMBER 25), AUTHORITIES MAY ACCEPT PROMISSORY DECLARATION GIVEN BY HIS MOTHER AT PASSPORT DIRECTORATE ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPORT PAYMENTS IF NITA DEFAULTS, I.E. THEY WILL NOT PRESS EVEN FOR 48,000 LEI (DOLLARS 4040) LUMP SUM PAYMENT. ON LUMP SUM, NITA HAD PHONE CALL FROM WIFE (GABRIELA NITO, 305 WEST HARDY STREET, INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90301) WITH NEWS THAT FRENCH BANK OF CALIFORNIA (9250 WILSHIRE BLVD., BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90212) HAD AGREED TO LEND HER DOLLARS 4040 NEEDED TO COVER PAYMENT. HOWEVER, BANK APPARENTLY DEMANDING SOME FORM OF STATEMENT FROM EMBASSY OR ROMANIANS TO EFFECT THAT

PAYMENT OF DOLLARS 4040 WILL SECURE PASSPORT FOR NITA, STATEMENT NEITHER WE NOR ROMANIANS CAN MAKE.

--AS CONTINGENCY BACKUP SUPPORT, REQUEST EUR/EE PHONE MR. WALTER SCOFIELD AT BANK, EXPLAIN SITUATION AND ATTEMPT KEEP OFFER OPEN. (YOU MIGHT SAY THAT ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO OTHER MEMBERS OF CANAL GROUP MAKES IT UNLIKELY GOR WOULD HOLD NITA.) WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING ANY OTHER INQUIRIES ON ASSISTANCE OPEN IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FALL-BACK IF LUMP SUM IS REQUIRED. MEANWHILE, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT EXPECT PASSPORT ISSUANCE BEFORE LATE DECEMBER, WE ARE INITIATING TCP PROCESS FOR NITA TO MINIMIZE ANY DELAY OF DEPARTURE ONCE PASSPORT IS ISSUED.

4. MICULA CASE (BUCHAREST 8645). WE CALLED ON AUSTRIAN CHARGE NOVEMBER 29, AND THIS CLEARED THE WAY FOR AUSTRIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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VISAS. MICULAS WILL DEPART FOR VIENNA DECEMBER 5 CARRYING "VIENNA LETTER." IT IS A PLEASURE TO WRITE GOOD NEWS.

5. PAYMENT IN KIND FOR DIP CLUB (SILINS-SIMONS NOV 14 LETTER). PRACTICE DESCRIBED HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED, AND WE HAVE INFORMED ALL OTHER EMBASSY EMPLOYEES THAT IT IS PROHIBITED. UGH. AGGREY

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